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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/595,810	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HOSHINO ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b> CHRISTINE M. BEHNCKE	<b>Art Unit</b> 3661

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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2006.

2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 4-16 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)

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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: JP61-122711

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is in response to the application filed 6/12/2006, in which claims 1-16 were presented for examination.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: lines 3-4 states "image data to stored in" which appears grammatically incorrect. It is assumed for purposes of compact prosecution, that the claim limitation was intended to read: image data to be stored in. Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cohen, US 6,681,031.

(Claim 1) Cohen describes a method for driving a robot according to an operation command comprising steps of: storing an image data of a moving object, corresponding to the robot, or an imitation thereof which performs a same movement as a predetermined movement (column 13, line 55-column 14, line 35, column 5, lines 31-33) and a pre-arranged operation command having a corresponding relationship with each

other in an image corresponding operation command storing means (column 5, lines 34-37), the pre-arranged operation command being prepared in advance to obtain the operation command corresponding to the image data (column 5, lines 31-37); obtaining an operational image data of the moving object or the imitation thereof as a robot operational image data (column 5, lines 12-17), the operational image data being obtained in time series while the moving object or the imitation thereof is moved in a desired movement in order to operate the robot (column 7, lines 10-20); specifying, in time series, an image data corresponding to the operational image data included in the robot operational image data among the image data stored in the image corresponding operation command storing means (figure 27, column 7, lines 49-51, column 11, line 18-column 12, line 30, column 20, lines 10-19); providing the pre-arranged operation command corresponding to the specified image data to the robot as the operation command (column 23, lines 15-18 and 27-28).

(Claim 2) Cohen further describes wherein a similarity between the image data stored in the image corresponding operation command storing means and the operational image data included in the robot operational image data is used for determining a correspondence between the image data stored in the image corresponding operation command storing means and the operational image data included in the robot operational image data (column 20, lines 10-18 and column 12, lines 51-60).

(Claim 3) Cohen further describes wherein in the step of specifying the image data corresponding to the operational image data included in the robot operational

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image data among the image data to be stored in the image corresponding operation command storing means, an image data for matching is selected depending on feature quantity of the operational image data and the image data corresponding to the operational image data is specified based on a similarity between the image data for matching and the operational image data (column 7, lines 10-20 and column 12, lines 51-60).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 4-16 are allowed.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTINE M. BEHNCKE whose telephone number is (571)272-8103. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am- 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas G. Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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